miles, and especially in the town of Chesterton Moreover, as Stourbndge Fair is at hand the Masters and Heads of the College should, because of the great infection, cause the gates of the College to be shut and no scholar permitted to repair thither

A like letter is to be sent to the Vice-Chancellor of Oxford

THE RECRUITS TO BE STAYED

Upon the new advertisements that are come out of France those soldiers that were to be levied in Hertford and Essex are stayed for a season that the county may not be charged with them The men nevertheless are to be in readiness upon any new warning, and the armour and furniture provided by the county kept for use as occasion may serve

yd August DR. HARVEY'S * PIERCE'S SUPEREROGATION '

Dr Gabriel Harvey hath answered Nashe's *Strange News* in a book entitled *Piercers Supererogation or a new praise of the Old Ass* He saith that if he is an ass, what asses are those courteous friends, excellent and learned men, worshipful and honourable personages that have written him letters of excellent commendation As for Nashe, he is the son of a mule, a raw grammarian, a babbling sophister, a counterfeit crank, a stale rakehell, a piperly rhymer, a stump-worn railer, a dodkin author whose gayest flourishes are Gascoigne's weeds, or Tarleton's tricks, or Greene's cranks, or Marlowe's bravados , his jests but the dregs of common scurrility, the shreds of the theatre, or the off-scouring of new pamphlets , his freshest nippitaty but the froth of stale inventions, long since loathsome to quick tastes His only art and the vengeable drift of his whole cunning is to

mangle the sentences of the *Four Letters,* hack the arguments, chop and change the phrases, wrench the words, and hale every syllable most extremely, even to the disjoining and maiming of his whole meaning

4*£ *August* THE PLAGUE INCREASES

The numbers of plague deaths are reported to be much increased, but the Lord Mayor is rebuked because no certificates of those dead or infected have been sent in these last two weeks